

**REMARKS**

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application/

Claims 1-10 are indicated to be allowable.

Claim 11 stands rejected.

Claims 1, 8, 9, and 11 are independent claims.

Claims 1, 8, 9 and 11 have been amended.

**Objection to the Drawings**

The drawings are objected to because the previously provided drawing has handwritten elements in Figure 1 and a more formal replacement sheet has not been provided.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his observation and respectfully requests that the objection be held in abeyance until such time that a Notice of Allowance has issued and a more formal replacement sheet can then be provided with payment of the issuance fee.

**Objection to the Claims**

Claim 11 is objected to for containing informalities.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his observation and has amended claim 11 to remove the objected to language.

For the amendment to the claim, applicant submits that the reason for the objection has been overcome.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-10.

In addition, in view of the Examiner comments regarding claim 11, (see page 6, instant OA), applicant has elected to amend claim 11 to include subject matter similar to that recited in claims 1, 8 and 9.

Claims 1, 8 and 9 have also been amended to place the claims in better form. After review of the claims it was noted that the term "the type of windowing" lacked antecedent basis and, hence, the term "type of" has been removed.

For the amendment made to the claims, applicant submits that all the claims are in allowable form.

### **Rejection of under 35 USC 103**

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Violaro ("A Hybrid Model for Text-to-Speech Synthesis") in view of Gigi ('960).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims. However, without discussing the merits of the rejection, applicant has elected to amend claim 11 to include subject matter similar to that recited in claims 1, 8 and 9, which the Examiner has commented on.

For the amendments made to the independent claim 11, applicant submits that the reason for the rejection of the independent claims has been overcome and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

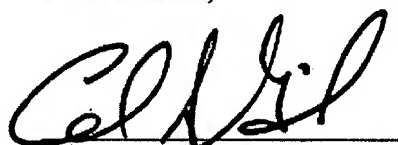
Applicant submits that all claims are in an allowable form and that a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested be issued.

Although the last Office Action was made final, this amendment should be entered. Claims 1, 8 and 9 have each been amended to correct an error in claim form. Claim 11 has been amended to include subject matter similar to that recited in claims 1, 8 and 9 and to place claim 11 in a form similar to claim 1, for example.

No matter has been added to the claims that would require comparison with the prior art or any further review. Accordingly, applicant's amendments should only require a cursory review by the examiner. The amendment therefore should be entered without requiring a showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b).

Should the Examiner believe that the disposition of any issues arising from this response may be best resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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